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In re the Application of:

Richard S. Ginn et al.

Serial No.: 09/738,431

Filed: December 14, 2000

For: Devices for Sealing Openings Through

Tissue and Apparatus and Methods for

Delivering Them

Group Art Unit: 3765

Examiner: Peter P. Nerbun

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe's Deposit Account No. 150665 for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may have been overlooked and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. 150665.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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